

19 North East Avenue,
North Tonawanda, N.Y., Aug. 27, 1941.

Mr. Abe Manley,
Pres. Newark Eagles Base Ball Club
of Negro National League,
71 Crawford Street,
Newark, N.J.

Dear Sir:

I received your night letter this noon when I came home for lunch, reading as follows: "The Newark Eagles and Baltimore Elites want to come to Buffalo September third, fourth and fifth. Can you book us all these days? Wire immediately to Seventy One Crawford Street, Newark, or telephone Market 30555. Try Olean for third. Niagara fourth. Must know right away."

Owing to the fact that this proposition required my getting together with Ray Fischer of Buffalo in properly putting over the games suggested by you on those three dates, I drove into Buffalo this afternoon, and together with Fischer went to Offermann Stadium, where we concluded arrangements for Friday night, Sept. 5th, 1941. We also got the date of Thursday, Sept. 4th, 1941, at Hyde Park Stadium in Niagara Falls, N.Y., and there is no question any more about those two games. We are now working on the third date, and our best bet was Jamestown, N.Y., where they have built a beautiful new ball park for the Jamestown Pony League team. We are not sure about getting in there, as yet, but we will do our level best to get in there, as Jamestown fans have turned out in enormous numbers for the Jamestown Pony League team this year. At any rate that is the situation right now, and you can rest assured that if we don't connect in Jamestown for Sept. 3rd, 1941, we will positively get you into either Olean, N.Y., or Batavia, N.Y., on that night, as both places have good ball parks, and fully enclosed, as both those cities are in the Pony League too. I have, therefore, wired you as follows, after making sure of having the two parks definitely tied up for Sept. 4th and 5th, 1941, viz: Hyde Park Stadium in Niagara Falls, N.Y., and Offermann Stadium here in Buffalo: "Newark Eagles-Baltimore Elites O.K. September third, fourth and fifth-Buffalo, Niagara Falls, and either Olean, Jamestown or Batavia. Writing fully Special Delivery."

I trust that you have received my above telegraphic message in good time; and, for your information, I wish to state here that the terms at the ball parks are as follows: For the use of Offermann Stadium, we have to guarantee the sum of \$250.00 for a night game, with the option of taking 25 per cent of gross receipts, and we must also pay the ticket sellers, takers, watchmen, etc. Your club has played here in Offermann Stadium earlier this season, hence you know just what we have to pay for there. At Niagara Falls, N.Y., we have to pay a guarantee of thirty dollars (\$30.00) for a night game (Cash in advance), with the option of their taking twenty per cent of gross receipts.

As to our working arrangement with your club and the Balt. Elites,

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we would suggest the same arrangements that we had with the New York Black Yankees and Philadelphia Stars for a similar series of three dates, viz: After the rental of the ball park and necessary help in each park is first paid, each club, that is, your club and the Baltimore Elites, are to get one third of the receipts, and we to take a third also for our promotional end, from which we will pay for the printing of placards and passes, distribution of same, all advertising and publicity in newspapers, and over five different radio stations, umpires and base balls used in these games.

We want to order the placards here tomorrow, Thursday, Aug. 28th, 1941, so that we can put up same, at least at Offermann Stadium, on Friday of this week, Aug. 29th, 1941, where the Homestead Grays and New York Cubans will play. In order to make this possible, I have agreed with Mr. Fischer that I will ask you to wire him your definite O.K. of these dates and terms as early tomorrow, Thursday, Aug. 28th, 1941, as you can possibly make it, so that Mr. Fischer can place the order for such placards. You can wire Mr. Fischer as follows: "Ray Fischer, Care of Erie County Welfare Dept., Record Room, Walker Building, 37 Franklin Street, Buffalo, N.Y."

I have mats here of Francis Matthews, your first baseman, and Leon Day, your pitcher, and we will get these two pictures on the placards. I wish, however, that you send me at once, either by Air Mail or Special Delivery, or better yet, by Air Mail-Special Delivery, all the press "dope" that you have on both clubs, as well as additional mats and pictures of both clubs and individual players.

Trusting that this letter covers every detail in full, and hoping that you will wire Mr. Fischer, as requested, and thereby give him the O.K. sign to order the placards to be printed, I beg to remain,

Sincerely yours,

Brownie Winkley

19 North East Avenue,
North Tonawanda, N.Y.

*Games for Eagles and Elites Sept 2nd 3rd 4th
OK - Wire exact spot for ^{the} second and time of
game.*

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